REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

All pending claims stand rejected based on an article titled "Remote scripting using a servlet," by Hatcher (hereinafter, "Hatcher") in combination with other references. However, Applicant respectfully submits that Hatcher is not prior art with respect to the present application. The present application was filed on July 26, 2003. For Hatcher to be prior art with respect to the present application, it must have been publicly available at least as early as July 26, 2003. However, the Examiner has not provided any evidence that Hatcher was publicly available at least as early as July 26, 2003. It appears that the Examiner retrieved Hatcher on March 12, 2007, well after the filing date of the present application.

Applicant acknowledges that the date of "01 Feb 2001" appears near the top of page 1 of Hatcher. However, there is no indication about what this date represents. There is no evidence that "01 Feb 2001" is the date that Hatcher was published on the World Wide Web or otherwise made publicly available. It is certainly possible that the content of Hatcher was initially written on February 1, 2001, but not published to the World Wide Web or otherwise made publicly available until after the filing date of the present application.

Hatcher is presently available at the following URL: http://www-128.ibm.com/developerworks/web/library/wa-resc/. Applicant has searched for this URL on the Internet Archive web site (www.archive.org). No results were found prior to May 1, 2006. (See Appendix A.)

Because Hatcher is not prior art to the present application, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's reliance on Hatcher to reject the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is improper. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the claim rejections be withdrawn.

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For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully asserts that all pending claims are allowable, and requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If there are any remaining issues preventing allowance of the pending claims that may be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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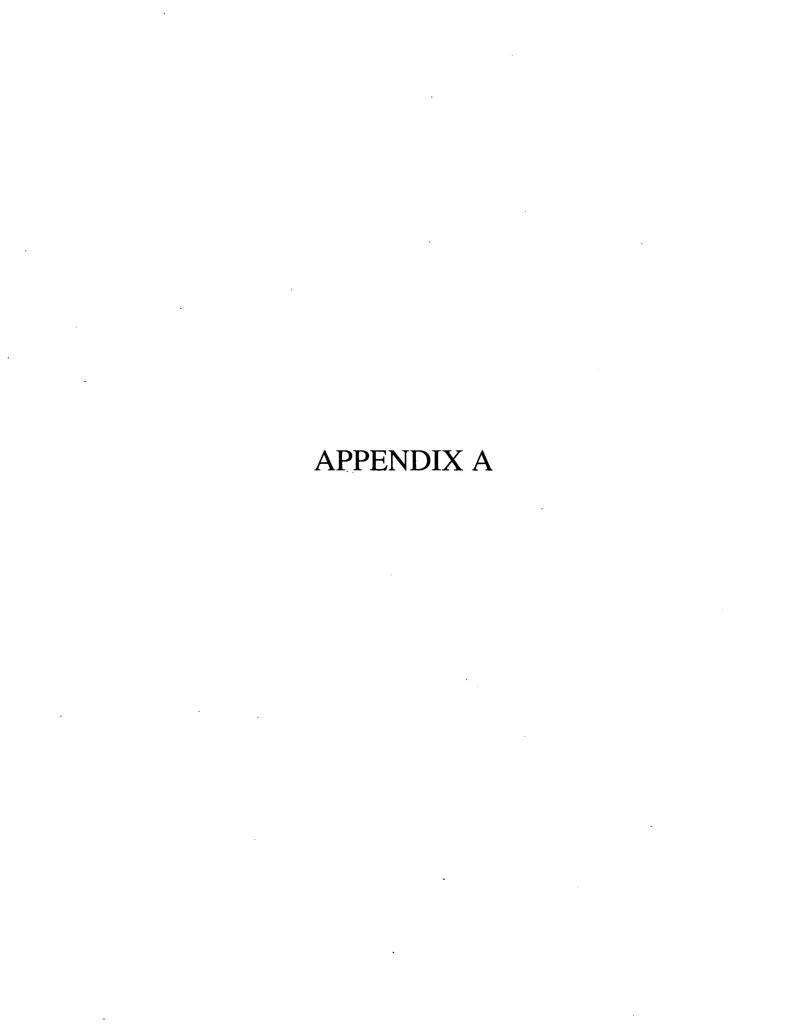
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